GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Commercial Taxes Department – Surprise Check conducted on Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District on 29-12-2013 – Allegations of Corruption – Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri M.Raghu, Jr.Asst., Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.708 **Dated:27-08-2020**

Read the following:

1. From DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.56.DES-NNL/2013, dated 28.01.2016 & 30.06.2016.
2. G.O.Ms.No.238, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dt.27-08-2020.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference 2nd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri M.Raghu, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District under Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri M.Raghu, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District is directed to submit within ten days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defense.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.Raghu, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri M.Raghu, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another

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person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri M.Raghu, Junior Assistant, Commercial Tax Department, Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

Copy to

The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Eeedpugallu, Vijayawada.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, SPSR Nellore District.

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ANNEXURE-I

ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED SRI M. RAGHU, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT (OUT GOING CHECK POST), ICP, B.V.PALEM, TADA MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT

That Sri M. Raghu, joined Govt.service on 27-6-1996 and while working as Jr.Asst, Commercial Tax Department, ICP, BV Palem, Tada Mandal, committed grave misconduct in as much as he being a public servant on duty together with Two Jr. Assistants, two Attenders of Commercial Tax, One Section Officer of Forest Department, One Royalty Inspector of Mines & Geology Department, One Attender of Animal Husbandary Department and one Supervisor of Agriculture Marketing Committee Department allowed the crew of the vehicles to offer the amounts voluntarily for ignoring their violations while checking the records and they collected in their collected an amount of Rs.4,520/- on 29.12.2013 in their counters which they termed usual collection counters further he failed to account for Rs.1,900/- found behind their seats i,e Commercial Tax Officials.

Thus, Sri M. Raghu, Junior Assistant, by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby violated Rule 3 (1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. RAGHU, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT (OUT GOING CHECK POST), ICP, B.V.PALEM, TADA MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

That Sri M. Raghu, Junior Assistant, ICP, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal is native of Nellore, SPSR Nellore district and he joined in Government Service as Junior Assistant on 27.06.1996 and working as thus at Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada, Nellore. His date of birth is on 22.10.1973 and date of retirement on attaining the age of superannuation is 31.12.2036. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

On credible information that the officers and staff of Integrated Check Post, B.V.Palem, Tada Mandal SPSR Nellore District are indulging in corrupt practices and collecting mamools from the crew of vehicles plying through ICP, B.V.Palem, a surprise check was conducted over transport wing, prohibition and excise wing, commercial taxes incoming and outgoing wings of ICP, B.V.Palem on 29-12-2013 from 00-30 hrs to 03-00 hrs with four teams headed by the DSP, ACB Nellore Range, Nellore in the presence of mediators. The surprise check revealed the following irregularities and violations. The out going Commercial Taxes wing officials collecting mamools from crew of vehicles plying through the check post, while checking the record have collection on 29-12-2013 was Rs.4,520/- collected at the counters, further he failed to account for Rs.1900/- found behind the seat of ACTO, allowed and the same was seized in the premises of out going Commercial Taxes Wing. Attendance registers/duty registers and personal cash registers and other relevant documents of ICP were seized.

Thus the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for departmental action for major penalty for his misconduct.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. RAGHU, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT (OUT GOING CHECK POST), ICP, B.V.PALEM, TADA MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

1. Duty Register (Attendance register) of ICP, B.V.Palem:
2. Personal Cash Register, 2013.
3. Rough sketch of scene of offence, Dt: 29.12.2013.
4. Mediators report drafted on 29.12.2013 for the surprise check conducted over the ICP, B.V. Palem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore Dist.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M. RAGHU, JUNIOR ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT (OUT GOING CHECK POST), ICP, B.V.PALEM, TADA MANDAL, SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT.

1. Sri Bhupathi Venkateswara Rao Sio Bhupathi, Age: 36 Years, Caste: Balija, Opp: Yadava High School, Old Guntur, Guntur District. Profession: Lorry Cleaner, Vehicle No. AP 07 X 5469.
2. Sri Katuri Srinivasa Rao S/o Sambasiva Rao, Age: 22 Years, Caste: Gowda, Kuchinapudi Village, Nizampatnam Mandal, Guntur District, Profession: Lorry Cleaner, Vehicle No. AP 27 TU 2439.
3. Sri Alumula Venkateswarlu S/o Raghu Ramaiah, Age: 35 Years, Caste: Kapu, Gapavaram Village, Nidamarru Mandal, West Godavari District, Profession: Lorry Cleaner, Vehicle No. AP 27 1T 8799.
4. Sri Bollepalli. Purnachand, S/o Venkaiah, Age: 36 Years, Deputy Executive Engineer, Irrigation & CAD Department, SE Construction Circle, Ongole, Prakasam District.
5. Sri Thondamalli. Venkata Ramona, S/o Venkataiah, Age: 46 Years, Asst. Executive Engineer, Irrigation & CAD Department, SE Construction Circle, Ongole, Prakasam District.
6. Sri Yelchuri Ramanjaneyulu S/o Venkateswarlu, Age: 32 Years, O/o SE Construction Circle, Ongole, Prakasam District.
7. Sri Tappetla. Anka Babu, S/o Venkataiah, Age: 30 Years, Jr. Asst. Irrigation & CAD Dept, SE Construction Circle, Ongole, Prakasam Dist.
8. Sri.K.Venkateswarlu, Inspector of Police, ACB, Nellore.
9. Sri.M. Krupanandam, Inspector of Police, ACB, Nellore.
10. Sri. T.V. Srinivasa Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Nellore.
11. Sri.J.Bhaskara Rao, Dy.Supdt. of Police, ACB, Nellore.

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